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1. EMBOFF INFORMED LEVY, SWISS DIVISION OF COMMERCE
OFFICIAL IN CHARGE ENERGY AND OECD AFFAIRS, OCT 29 OF
USG COMMUNICATION TO DAVIGNON PER REFTEL A.

2. IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION, LEVY SAID THAT PROPOSAL
FOR SWISS ACCEPTANCE IEP WILL GO FORWARD OCT 30 TO SWISS
MINISTERS WHICH WILL BE DECIDED UPON BY FEDERAL COUNCIL
NOV 6. ASSUMING NO CHANGE IN PRESENT EXPECTATIONS RE
COUNTRIES WHICH WILL JOIN IEP BY NOV. 6, LEVY PREDICTED
THAT CHANCES "VERY GOOD" THAT FEDERAL COUNCIL WILL APPROVE
PARTICIPATION BY SWITZERLAND.

3. LEVY SAID THAT OCT 29 STOCKHOLM MEETING OF NEUTRALS MAY
ADD TO UNDERSTANDING OF RESPECTIVE POSITIONS BUT AS OF NOW
SWISS ASSESS CHANCES FOR PARTICIPATION BY BOTH AUSTRIA AND
SWEDEN AS BETTER NOW THAN TWO WEEKS AGO. (REFTEL B) HE ALSO
NOTED THAT SPAIN APPEARS BE QUITE POSITIVE TOWARD IEP.

4. AMONG SUBJECTS BEING DISCUSSED IN STOCKHOLM TODAY ARE
NEUTRALITY DECLARATIONS AND FORM AND METHOD OF THEIR
PRESENTATION. LEVY SAID THAT SWITZERLAND WILL WANT TO MAKE
SHORT NEUTRALITY DECLARATION SIMILAR TO THAT MADE WHEN IT
JOINED OEEC AND OECD. SUBJECT EXPECTED BE DISCUSSED
INFORMALLY OCT 30 WITH DAVIGNON AND SUBSEQUENTLY WITH OTHER
IEP GOVERNMENTS IN ADVANCE OF NOV 7 ECG MEETING. TAKING
ACCOUNT OF THESE CONSULTATIONS FEDERAL COUNCIL AT NOV 6
MEETING WILL MAKE FINAL DETERMINATION RE HOW TO HANDLE
NEUTRALITY ASPECT.

5. ANOTHER MINOR POINT WHICH SWISS WORKING ON IS HOW TO MAKE
CLEAR THAT WITH REGARD ALL PORTIONS OF IEP RELATING
TO OIL SWITZERLAND IS ALSO ACTING ON BEHALF OF
LIECHTENSTEIN. (NOTE: WE WILL BE REPORTING BY SEPTTEL
ON TRADE AGREEMENT CONCLUDED OCT 23 BETWEEN SWITZERLAND
AND ALBANIA. ON THAT OCCASION ONE OF MORE DIFFICULT POINTS
TO RESOLVE WAS CONVINCING ALBANIAN NEGOTIATOR THAT GOS
COMPETENT ACT FOR LIECHTENSTEIN IN TRADE MATTERS BECAUSE
OF CUSTOMS UNION BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES.)

6. AT REQUEST LEVY, EMBOFF PROVIDED GENERAL BRIEFING BASED
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ON LONDON 13934 ON ECG-COMPANY MEETING LONDON OCT 23-24.
LEVY NOTED THAT SWISS HAD SEEN PRESS ACCOUNTS OF MEETING,
BUT FOUND IT AWKWARD NOT BE AWARE OF DECISIONS REACHED OR
SUBJECTS DISCUSSED DESPITE FACT GOS MOVING VERY CLOSE TO
IEP ACCEPTANCE.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: IN ORDER RESPOND SWISS EXPRESSION
OF INTEREST, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING ADVISED RE LEVEL

OF REPRESENTATION PLANNED BY US FOR IEA GOVERNING BOARD AT
MID-NOVEMBER AND SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS.
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